

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, amend the paragraphs starting at line 6 and ending at line 14 as follows:

-- The outer surface 14 of the calcium hydroxide absorber 1 is covered with a hydrophilic web of fabric 17, e.g., one made of cotton, which is uniformly wetted and moistened with evaporating agent from the evaporating agent reservoir 10 via the at least one connection line outlet 15 of the at least one connection line 12.

According to the embodiment of Figure 1, the supply with evaporating agent 30 is ensured by an evaporating agent delivery means in the form of a pump 11, which is driven either mechanically or electrically and is designed especially as a hose pump. In a variant of the embodiment of Figure 1 of the present invention, the evaporating agent delivery means comprises a pretensioned spring 16 acting on a flexible portion of the evaporating agent reservoir 10.--.